CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	wt.jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1500928.004
Medium:	Computer Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not stated
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	25 February 2016
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	23 February 2016

Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication is deemed to be objectionable under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act) because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. The publication explicitly depicts a naked child in a sexualised pose. For those with a sexual interest in children, the publication serves to legitimise and encourage that interest.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The classification of this publication interferes with freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the FVPC Act are deemed to be objectionable. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.